

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: James D. Ballew, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/824874  
Filing Date: 15 April 2004  
Group Art Unit: 2181  
Confirmation No.: 7117  
Examiner: Benjamin P. Geib  
Title: *High Performance Computing System and Method*

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**Response to Office Communication**

In response to the Office Communication dated April 28, 2009, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following.